

Establishing A Nation

The George Washington Teachers' Institute July 21-22, 2008

George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens is pleased to announce that reservations are now being accepted for the seventh annual George Washington Teachers' Institute. Please contact the Mount Vernon Education Department at 703-799-8604 or Education@mountvernon.org for reservations by July 14, 2008.

Spaces for this **FREE** program are limited. **You may be placed on a waiting list.**

Monday, July 21- The Constitution: Ideals to Practice

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| 8:30 a.m. | Check-In |
| 9:00 a.m. | Welcome and Introduction to Program |
| 9:15 a.m. | <i>The Constitution: Convention and Ratification</i> , John P. Kaminski, Editor, The Documentary History of the Ratification of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, 1787—1791, The University of Wisconsin, Madison |
| 10:50 a.m. | <i>George Washington: Father of the Constitution</i> , Harlow Unger, author and historian |
| Noon | Lunch and Authors' Book Signing |
| 12:45 p.m. | <i>The First Federal Congress</i> , Kenneth Bowling, Director, The First Federal Congress Project, George Washington University; William DiGiacomantonio, Assistant Editor, The First Federal Congress Project, George Washington University |
| 1:15 p.m. | Part I: The Awesome Agenda of the First Federal Congress |
| 2:40 p.m. | Part II: The President and Congress |
| 4:00 p.m. | Travels with George Washington , Recollections of Billy Lee (First person character program) |

Tuesday, July 22- The Constitution: Ideals to Reality

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| 8:30 a.m. | Check-In |
| 9:15 a.m. | <i>In the Presence of Kings: George Washington and Federal Indian Policy</i> , William C. DiGiacomantonio, Assistant Editor, The First Federal Congress Project, George Washington University |
| 10:50 a.m. | <i>Teaching the Constitution</i> , Linda Monk |
| Noon | Lunch |
| 1:15 p.m. | <i>Mount Vernon Explorations</i> <i>Papers of George Washington staff (Teacher Resource Center)</i> <i>Meet "Silla," Slave Cabin Archaeology in the Upper Garden</i> <i>Meet the Curators: Museum</i> <i>Meet "Patrick Henry," The Greenhouse</i> |
| 3:30 p.m. | <i>Ghosts in the Machinery: The Problem of Women in the Constitution</i> , Catherine Allgor, The University of California Riverside |
| 4:00 p.m. | <i>Unruly Americans</i> , Woody Holton, The University of Richmond |
| 4:45 p.m. | <i>Panel Discussion: The Constitution and the "Disenfranchised,"</i> moderated by Cokie Roberts |
| 5:45 p.m. | Presentation of the Mount Vernon History Teacher of the Year Award |
| 6:00 p.m. | Authors' Book signing |
| 6:30 p.m. | Cocktail Reception on the Piazza and private Mansion tours |
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SPEAKERS

Catherine Allgor, Professor of History at the University of California, Riverside, received her Ph.D. with distinction from Yale University, where she also won the Yale Teaching Award. Dr. Allgor's book, *Parlor Politics: In Which the Ladies of Washington Help Build a City and a Government*, won the prize for the best first book by the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic. Her latest book is *A Perfect Union: Dolley Madison and the Creation of the American Nation*

Kenneth R. Bowling is co-editor of the Documentary History of the First Federal Congress, 1789-1791, at George Washington University. He received his Ph.D. from The University of Wisconsin in 1968 and is the author of several articles on the constitutional politics of the American Revolution. His books include *The Creation of Washington D.C.: The Idea and Location of the American Capital*, and, *Peter C. L'Enfant: Vision, Honor and Male Friendship in the Early American Republic*. He is a member of the board of the United States Capitol Historical Society and of Washington History Magazine and a member of the Society of the Cincinnati's Book prize committee. In the fall he will teach an undergraduate seminar on George Washington here at Mount Vernon.

William diGiacomantonio is an associate editor of The Documentary History of the First Federal Congress, 1789-1791, having joined The George Washington University's First Federal Congress Project in the great bicentennial year of 1989. A native of Massachusetts (where imbibing a love of early American history is as inevitable as it is in Virginia), he graduated from Georgetown University with a bachelor's degree in International Relations, and from the University of Chicago with a master's degree in History. Among his special areas of interest are early Quaker history, the antislavery movement and congressional lobbying, and early Native American relations.

Woody Holton is the author of *Unruly Americans and the Origins of the Constitution*, a finalist for the George Washington Book Prize and the National Book Award. Holton, a 2008 Guggenheim Fellow, is currently an associate professor at the University of Richmond. In 2000, the Organization of American Historians awarded his first book, *Forced Founders: Indians, Debtors, Slaves and the Making of the American Revolution in Virginia*, its prestigious Merle Curti award. Holton received his Ph.D. in American History from Duke University.

John Kaminski has edited The Documentary History of the Ratification of the Constitution since 1969. Twenty volumes of this monumental work have been published to date. In 1981 he founded and still directs The Center for the Study of the American Constitution in the History Department at the University of Wisconsin. He has written dozens of articles and published thirty-eight books on the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the federal judiciary, slavery, and the Founding Fathers including his *The Quotable Jefferson* and *The Founders on the Founders: Word Portraits from the American Revolutionary Era*.

Linda R. Monk is an award-winning author and journalist. A graduate of Harvard Law School, she received the American Bar Association's Silver Gavel Award twice--for her book, *The Bill of Rights: A User's Guide*, and again for her work on the documentary "Profiles of Freedom: A Living Bill of Rights." Her most recent book is *The Words We Live By: Your Annotated Guide to the Constitution*. Ms. Monk also serves as the Lead Curator for the McCormack Museum Foundation.

Cokie Roberts is author of the best-selling book, *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation*, as well as the newly released book, *Ladies of Liberty: The Women Who Shaped Our Nation*. These books explore the lives of influential women who helped to shape early American history. This Emmy Award-winning journalist currently serves as contributing senior news analyst to National Public Radio and as political commentator for ABC News. From 1996 to 2002, Roberts co-hosted the ABC News show "This Week with Sam Donaldson & Cokie Roberts."

Harlow Giles Unger is the 2008 Gay Hart Gaines Distinguished Visiting Fellow of American History at George Washington's Mount Vernon. A graduate of Yale University, he is a veteran journalist, broadcaster, educator, and historian- and author of fifteen books. These include four biographies of America's Founding Fathers: *John Hancock*, *Noah Webster*, *Lafayette* and *The Unexpected George Washington: His Private Life*. His newest book, *America's Second Revolution*, tells of the struggle between America's Founding Fathers over how to govern the nation after independence from Britain- and Washington's role in writing the Constitution they adopted.